

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXTEND CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS
WITH PACIFIC CLINICS AND MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF LOS ANGELES FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2009-10
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to extend consultant services agreements with Pacific Clinics and Mental Health America of Los Angeles to continue the development and implementation of Mental Health Services Act Workforce Education and Training programs.

REQUEST

Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute amendments to extend the Consultant Services Agreements No. MH050017 and MH050019 with Pacific Clinics and Mental Health America of Los Angeles (MHALA), respectively, for the development and implementation of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education and Training (WET) programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10. The Total Contract Amount (TCA) for FY 2009-10 will be \$558,900 for Pacific Clinics and \$1,135,000 for MHALA, fully funded with MHSA WET funds. The Amendments will be effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to these Agreements and establish as a new TCA the aggregate of the original Agreement and all amendments, provided that: 1) the County's total payments to a contractor under this Agreement for FY 2009-10 shall not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable revised TCA; 2) any such increase shall be used to provide additional services or reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or their designee, is obtained prior to any such Amendment; 5) the parties may, by written Amendment, reduce programs or services and revise the applicable TCA; and 6) the Director of Mental Health shall notify the Board of Supervisors of Agreement changes within 30 days after execution of each Amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

The extension of these Agreements will allow for the continuation of the development and implementation of four distinct WET programs: the Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist Training Services program, the College Faculty Immersion Training program, the Public Mental Health Workforce Staff Immersion Training program, and the Peer Support Training program – all designed to enhance the skills of staff in MHSA programs. The Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist Training Services program prepares people with Bachelors or advanced degrees or equivalent certification or experience, including consumers and family members, to work in the field of mental health as psycho-social rehabilitation specialists. The College Faculty Immersion Training program updates college and graduate school faculty on the current best practices and requirements for the human services workforce in real-world jobs. The Public Mental Health Workforce Staff Immersion Training program enhances the recovery knowledge and skills of public mental health workforce clinical staff, supervisors and administrators who are engaged in system transformation that focuses on a recovery-oriented system approach and implementation of the CSS Plan. The Peer Support Training program provides certificated training in peer supportive services and skills for individuals interested in entering the public mental health workforce as mental health peer supporters. MHALA will render services under all four programs, whereas Pacific Clinics will provide services solely pertaining to the Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist Training Services program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On September 18, 2007, the Board approved one-year agreements with Pacific Clinics and MHALA to develop and implement the Workforce Training and Development Project (WTD) which was renamed WET by the State. On June 19, 2008, DMH exercised its delegated authority, authorized by your Board on September 18, 2007, to execute amendments to these Agreements to extend the term of the Agreements for a period of twelve months, beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for the continuation of services under the MHSA WET programs.

Each of the WET programs provided under these agreements offers specialized lectures as well as interactive learning experiences to help guide staff in using recovery-oriented approaches in their work with clients enrolled in MHSA Full Service Partnership (FSP) programs and other MHSA-funded services. Individuals from all Service Areas are invited to participate in these projects. These training projects have become a significant resource for well-qualified individuals to staff MHSA-funded programs and those programs transforming to serve clients using a recovery approach.

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